Women with the Vidvan Examination qualification and the Education Department.

461. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have entertained in the Education Department, any women who have passed the 'Vidvan Examination', and, if so, what their other qualifications, present pay (28-8-1104) and status are;

(*b*) whether a woman who has passed the 'Vidvan Examination,' is qualified for a Malayalam Pandit's place in the Women's College;

(*c*) whether a 'Pandit' in the College should necessarily possess any University qualifications; and

(*d*) whether it is the accepted policy of the Government that the Women's College should be staffed with women, if properly qualified women are available?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. One lady with 'Vidvan' qualification has been appointed as a Munshi in the Vernacular High School for girls at Petta on the salary scale of Rs. 25-5/2-40-5/3-45. Her general qualifications are Travancore Vernacular Higher Examination and Vidvan Examination of the Madras University.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes. The Pandit may have to deal with translation work and the University has laid down that translation work should be done by graduates.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): On the analogy of the answer given to part (*b*) of the question, may I know whether a man who has passed the 'Vidvan Examination' is eligible for a Pandit's place in the College?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In which College?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): In any college, whether Women's College or Men's College.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Do you talk of a person who has passed the 'Vidvan Eamination' alone?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Yes. I am not considering the inferior examination which anybody has passed. In view of the answer given that a woman who has passed the 'Vidvan Examination' is not fit for a Pandit's place in the Women's College, may I know whether a man who has passed the 'Vidvan Examination' is competent to hold the Pandit's place in Men's College?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If he has passed only the 'Vidvan examination,' he is not competent.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know, Sir, what is the highest examination qualification which is required for a Pandit's place in any of the colleges?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is there. The Pandit has to do translation work and the University has laid down that translation work should be done by graduates.

Eviction of squatters on Government lands.

462. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have issued any order to the Revenue authorities to oust all occupants of lands now (26-8-1104) held under penal assessment and not to register those lands on any account in the names of such occupants or to sell them by auction to those occupants;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reasons which induced them to issue such an order;

(*c*) whether trespassers on Government lands are not allowed to get such lands registered in their names on payment of proper *taravila*; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that great hardships are caused by ousting occupants of lands held under penal assessment in cases where they have enjoyed such lands for a considerable period and have improved them and lived on them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No order of the kind has been issued by the Government.

(*b*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) Lands occupied *bona fide* and containing valuable improvements may be assigned to the occupants without auction on recovery of adequate *taravila*, and such assignment will be restricted to the portion covered by the improvements, together with any additional area that may be found to be necessary for its convenient holding and beneficial enjoyment. In cases where the occupation is found to be not *bona fide* or does not contain valuable improvements or both, the trespassers may have to be evicted under the Land Conservancy Regulation and the land sold in auction (Rules 18, 22 and 23 of the Puduval Rules).

(*d*) The Government are not aware that persons who have been in *bona fide* occupation of Government lands for long periods and have improved such lands and lived on them are, as a matter of fact, ousted from the lands.

Buildings for Civil Courts in Trivandrum.

463. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the steps taken by them in the matter of constructing a new building for the District and Munsiffs' Courts in Trivandrum; and

(*b*) whether they are aware of the great inconvenience and danger caused by the dilapidated nature of the existing District Court buildings?

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